

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kanzaki on June 21, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

SC 7/10/06 : Claim 1, delete lines 5-16, and has been replaced -- linking a plurality of elements of said displayed program code to a data file, said data file comprising implementation instructions for said plurality of elements of the computer program; including instructions that include program code comments; directing for a variable in the program code in a register, and calling a function as in-line code, wherein at least one of the elements of the program code is linked to comments, and at least one of the elements of the program code is linked to the first directive, and at least one of the elements is linked to the second directive; and

displaying a corresponding implementation instruction for said queried element in said user interface and in response to a query of one of said at least one linked element of the computer program.—

Claim 10, delete lines 7-14, and has been replaced —a data file comprising a plurality of implementation instructions linked to a plurality of elements of the computer program code; including instructions that include program code comments; directing for

a variable in the program code in a register, and calling a function as in-line code, wherein at least one of the elements of the program code is linked to comments, and at least one of the elements of the program code is linked to the first directive, and at least one of the elements is linked to the second directive;--

Claim 17, delete lines 5-12, and has been replaced –an associated a data file comprising a plurality of implementation instructions linked to a plurality of elements of the computer program code; including instructions that include program code comments; directing for a variable in the program code in a register, and calling a function as in-line code, wherein at least one of the elements of the program code is linked to comments, and at least one of the elements of the program code is linked to the first directive, and at least one of the elements is linked to the second directive; and-

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Claim 22, delete lines 6-17, and has been replaced –linking a plurality of elements of said displayed program code to a data file, said data file comprising implementation instructions for said plurality of elements of the computer program, including instructions that include program code comments; directing for a variable in the program code in a register, and calling a function as in-line code, wherein at least one of the elements of the program code is linked to comments, and at least one of the elements of the program code is linked to the first directive, and at least one of the elements is linked to the second directive; and

displaying a corresponding implementation instruction for said queried element in said user interface and in response to a query of one of said at least one linked element of the computer program.--

SC 7/10/06 ¹⁰ Claim 33, delete lines 7-13, and has been replaced --including instructions that include program code comments; directing for a variable in the program code in a register, and calling a function as in-line code, wherein at least one of the elements of the program code is linked to comments, and at least one of the elements of the program code is linked to the first directive, and at least one of the elements is linked to the second directive;--

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-7, 9-28, 33-35, 37-41 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The allowability of the independent claims resides, at least in part, in that closest prior art of record Bailey (U. S. Patent 6,701,513) does not disclose or suggest, alone or in combination, linking a plurality of elements of said displayed program code to a data file, said data file comprising implementation instructions for said plurality of elements of the computer program, including instructions that include program code comments; directing for a variable in the program code in a register, and calling a function as in-line code, wherein at least one of the elements of the program code is linked to comments, and at least one of the elements of the program code is linked to